

What is claimed is:

1. A program allowing a computer that constitutes a server in an operation system handling as its operating character code a plurality of different character codes, to execute:

a kana-to-kanji conversion step for, when receiving, from a client, kana information of an input character string for which an operating character code has been designated, converting the kana information into a kanji character string of an intermediate code and a kanji character string of the operating character code, and thereafter creating a candidate list of a kanji character string consisting of character images of the operating character code and the intermediate code, sending the candidate list together with a candidate selection program to the client, and causing the client to select a character string of a kanji candidate; and

an editing/outputting step for receiving an operating character code of the selected kanji character string from the client and transferring the received operating character code to a corresponding operation system.

2. The program according to claim 1, further

comprising:

a start-up step for sending character inputting data and a character inputting program to the client, wherein

5 the character inputting program is started up by designated operation in an input area of the character inputting web-page and stops the client's OS-based character inputting operation on the starting-up.

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3. The program according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate code is a large-scale code including a plurality of operating character codes, and wherein

15 the kana-to-kanji conversion step includes: referring to a kana-to-kanji conversion table in which large-scale codes are registered, and acquiring a large-scale code of a kanji character string corresponding to kana reading information of an inputted character string; and

20 referring to a code conversion table in which the plurality of operating character codes are registered corresponding to the large-scale codes, and acquiring an operating character code
25 corresponding to the large-scale code of the kanji character string.

4. The program according to claim 1, wherein
the kana-to-kanji conversion step includes:
receiving from the client the kana reading
information of the inputted character string for
5 which the type of the dictionary used is designated
in addition to the designation of the operating
character code, and creating a candidate list of
a kanji character string consisting of character
images of the operating character code and the
10 intermediate code.

5. The program according to claim 1, wherein
the kana-to-kanji conversion step includes:
creating a candidate list of a kanji character
15 string for which both of the intermediate code and
the operating character code have been obtained,
and sending the created candidate list to the client.

6. The program according to claim 1, wherein
20 the kana-to-kanji conversion step comprises:
a font image creation step for, when a font image
creation request of a character code is received
from the client that includes designation of the
font size in addition to kana information of the
25 inputted character string for which an operating
character code has been designated, acquiring an
outline font of the requested character code from

a font file and converting the acquired outline font into an image, and thereafter converting the image into an image file in a predetermined image format and sending the image file to the client for display.

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7. The program according to claim 1, wherein the candidate selection program sent to the client together with the candidate list in the kana-to-kanji conversion step causes the client to store the operating character code of the kanji character string selected from the candidate list in an edited character string buffer and to transmit to the server the kanji character string of the operating character code stored in the edited character string buffer after determining the transmitting operation of the character inputting web-page.

8. The program according to claim 1, wherein the character inputting program sent to the client in the start-up step comprises an input-support display function including display of input areas and display of inputting positions necessary for character inputting.

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9. The program according to claim 1, wherein the character inputting program sent to the

client in the start-up step converts kana into kanji through searches of key words including reading, character code, the number of strokes, variation of a character, radical, part or hand-written strokes.

10. The program according to claim 1, wherein the kana-to-kanji conversion step includes, when a hybrid mode is designated that uses font files of both of the server and the client, converting only the operating character codes in a range defined in advance into character images of the intermediate code, and sending intactly the operating character codes out of the range to the client for conversion into character images.

11. A character inputting and editing method for a server in an operation system handling as its operating character code a plurality of different character codes, the method comprising:

a kana-to-kanji conversion step effected by a kana-to-kanji conversion unit, which step includes, when receiving, from a client, kana information of an input character string for which an operating character code has been designated, converting the kana information into a kanji character string of an intermediate code and a kanji character string

of the operating character code, and thereafter
creating a candidate list of a kanji character string
consisting of character images of the operating
character code and the intermediate code, sending
5 the candidate list together with a candidate
selection program to the client, and causing the
client to select a character string of a kanji
candidate; and

an editing/outputting step effected by an
10 editing/outputting unit, which step includes
receiving an operating character code of the
selected kanji character string from the client,
and transferring the received operating character
code to a corresponding operation system.

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12. A server apparatus in an operation system
handling as its operating character code a plurality
of different character codes, the server apparatus
comprising:

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a kana-to-kanji conversion unit for, when
receiving, from a client, kana information of an
input character string for which an operating
character code has been designated, converting the
kana information into a kanji character string of
25 an intermediate code and a kanji character string
of the operating character code, and thereafter
creating a candidate list of a kanji character string

consisting of character images of the operating character code and the intermediate code, sending the candidate list together with a candidate selection program to the client, and causing the client to select a character string of a kanji candidate; and

an editing/outputting unit for receiving an operating character code of the selected kanji character string from the client and transferring the received operating character code to a corresponding operation system.

13. A computer-readable record medium having thereon stored a program which allows a computer that constitutes a server in an operation system handling as its operating character code a plurality of different character codes, to execute:

a kana-to-kanji conversion step for, when receiving, from a client, kana information of an input character string for which an operating character code has been designated, converting the kana information into a kanji character string of an intermediate code and a kanji character string of the operating character code, and thereafter creating a candidate list of a kanji character string consisting of character images of the operating character code and the intermediate code, sending

the candidate list together with a candidate selection program to the client, and causing the client to select a character string of a kanji candidate; and

- 5 an editing/outputting step for receiving an operating character code of the selected kanji character string from the client and transferring the received operating character code to a corresponding operation system.

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14. A program allowing a computer that constitutes a server in an operation system handling as its operating character code a plurality of different character codes, to execute:

- 15 a character conversion step for, when receiving from a client a pre-conversion input character string for which an operating character code has been designated, converting the pre-conversion character string into a post-conversion character string of an intermediate code and a post-conversion character string of the operating character code, and thereafter creating a candidate list of the post-conversion character string consisting of character images of the operating character code
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- 25 and the intermediate code, sending the candidate list together with a candidate selection program to the client, and causing the client to select a

post-conversion character string; and

an editing/outputting step for receiving a selected post-conversion character string from the client, and transferring the received character string to a corresponding operation system.

15. A character inputting and editing method for a server in an operation system handling as its operating character code a plurality of different character codes, the method comprising:

a character conversion step effected by a character conversion unit, which step includes, when receiving from a client a pre-conversion input character string for which an operating character code has been designated, converting the pre-conversion character string into a post-conversion character string of an intermediate code and a post-conversion character string of the operating character code, and thereafter creating a candidate list of the post-conversion character string consisting of character images of the operating character code and the intermediate code, sending the candidate list together with a candidate selection program to the client, and causing the client to select a post-conversion character string; and

an editing/outputting step effected by an

editing/outputting unit, which step includes receiving a selected post-conversion character string from the client, and transferring the received character string to a corresponding operation system.

16. A server apparatus in an operation system handling as its operating character code a plurality of different character codes, the server apparatus comprising:

a character conversion unit for, when receiving from a client a pre-conversion input character string for which an operating character code has been designated, converting the pre-conversion character string into a post-conversion character string of an intermediate code and a post-conversion character string of the operating character code, and thereafter creating a candidate list of the post-conversion character string consisting of character images of the operating character code and the intermediate code, sending the candidate list together with a candidate selection program to the client, and causing the client to select a post-conversion character string; and

an editing/outputting unit for receiving a selected post-conversion character string from the client, and transferring the received character

string to a corresponding operation system.

17. A computer-readable storage medium having thereon stored a program which allows a computer
5 that constitutes a server in an operation system handling as its operating character code a plurality of different character codes, to execute:

a character conversion step for, when receiving from a client a pre-conversion input character
10 string for which an operating character code has been designated, converting the pre-conversion character string into a post-conversion character string of an intermediate code and a post-conversion character string of the operating character code,
15 and thereafter creating a candidate list of the post-conversion character string consisting of character images of the operating character code and the intermediate code, sending the candidate list together with a candidate selection program
20 to the client, and causing the client to select a post-conversion character string; and

an editing/outputting step for receiving a selected post-conversion character string from the client, and transferring the received character
25 string to a corresponding operation system.